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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT GROWS IN MAY: Statewide total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 2,921,400 as of mid-May of this year, a net monthly jump of 51,300 workers (+1.8 percent). North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 2,884,000 in the middle of May, 1985, a net over-the-month gain of 19,000 people (+0.7 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DECLINES OVER THE MONTH: In the middle of May, 1985, manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina was estimated to be 810,300, a noticeable net over-the-month decrease of 3,700 persons (-0.5 percent). The durable goods segment fell by 1,700 workers (-0.5 percent), mainly due to losses in furniture and fixtures (-1,000) and electrical machinery (-400). The nondurable goods segment dropped also, losing 2,000 people (-0.4 percent) as textile mill products declined by 1,700 and apparel and related products lost 500.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES MODEST INCREASE: The State's nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,808,100 as of mid-May, 1985, a net monthly gain of 6,700 persons (+0.4 percent). Several of the industry groups enjoyed good net over-the-month growth: trade (+3,800), service and miscellaneous (+2,800), and construction (+2,300).

MANUFACTURING DOWN BUT NONMANUFACTURING UP OVER THE YEAR: Since May of last year, Statewide manufacturing employment has fallen by 23,500 workers (-2.8 percent), with the largest decline occurring in textile mill products (-18,100). Moreover, apparel and related products sustained a yearly loss of 4,800. The few industry gains were modest in nature (all under 1,000) with the exception of printing and publishing, which rose by 1,000 (+4.1 percent). North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment, on the other hand, surged ahead over the year by 81,500 people (+4.7 percent). All seven of the industry groups registered annual growth with the four largest being service and miscellaneous (+25,300), trade (+24,300), construction (+14,500), and government (+10,100).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES IN MAY: North Carolina's total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 167,100 as of mid-May of this year, a surge of 9,700 persons (+6.2 percent) over the month. As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment rose from 5.2 percent in April to 5.4 percent in May. Seasonally adjusted total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 181,000 in the middle of May, 1985. a monthly increase of 4,000 people (+2.3 percent). Consequently, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment inched forward from 5.8 percent to 5.9 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.0 percent in May, 1985, and 7.1 percent in April, 1985. The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment for the United States was 7.3 percent this May and April.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/
May, 1985

	May, 1985	April, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,088,500	3,027,500
Employment	2,921,400	2,870,100
Unemployment	167,100	157,400
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.2
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,065,000	3,042,000
Employment	2,884,000	2,865,000
Unemployment	181,000	177,000
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.8
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.0	7.1
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.3	7.3

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to a significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS INCREASE: From the middle of April to the middle of May, 1985, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing productive employees rose by a modest 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) to $7.24. Since May of last year, there was a gain of 29¢ an hour (+4.2 percent). The durable goods segment added 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) over the month to rise to $7.42 this May. Over the year, durable goods increased by 26¢ an hour (+3.6 percent). Transportation equipment was the durable goods industry group that enjoyed the largest net over-the-month increase, up by 29¢ an hour (+3.6 percent) to hit $8.39 in May of this year. Primary metals, gained 18¢ an hour (+2.2 percent) over the month to climb to $8.53 in May, 1985. The nondurable goods segment remained constant over the month at $7.11 while growing by 28¢ an hour (+4.1 percent) over the year. The nondurable goods industry group which set the pace in May was tobacco manufacturing, jumping by 32¢ an hour (+2.4 percent) to reach $13.62. Food and kindred products experienced a net over-the-month increase of 7¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) to attain a level of $6.51 this May. From mid-April to mid-May of this year, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers grew by $2.95 (+1.1 percent) to $281.64, which was $3.64 above last year. Average weekly hours rose by just 0.3 of an hour in May to 38.9, which was still 1.1 hours below one year ago.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP OVER THE MONTH: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 321.3 in May of this year, according to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That was an over-the-month gain of 0.4 percent and an over-the-year increase of 3.7 percent. The group which exhibited the largest monthly increase was housing, which rose by 0.8

percent. Transportation and medical care followed, the cost of each growing by 0.4 percent. On the positive side, the cost of food and beverages and apparel and upkeep actually declined, by 0.2 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, was 31.1¢ in May, 1985.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS INCREASES OVER THE MONTH: As of May 31, 1985, there were 170,497 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State, a net over-the-month rise of 3,691 people (+2.2 percent). Once again, the largest applicant sector by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine, which had 103,461 or 60.7 percent of the total. Both the twenty-one and under category and the forty to fifty-four segment shared the same percentage of the total at 16.9. The fifty-five and over segment recorded the lowest number of active applicants with 9,385 or 5.5 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females (89,615 or 52.6 percent). The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with 94,953 or 55.7 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of May 31, 1985.

Statewide Active Applicant File
May 31, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	170,497	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	28,764	16.9
22 - 39	103,461	60.7
40 - 54	28,887	16.9
55 and Over	9,385	5.5
Sex		
Male	80,882	47.4
Female	89,615	52.6
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	94,953	55.7
Black, not Hispanic	71,186	41.7
Hispanic	1,018	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,511	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	829	0.5
Eligible Claimant	71,214	41.8
Veteran	29,901	17.5
Handicapped	10,892	6.4
Welfare	24,426	14.3
Seasonal Farmworker	1,813	1.1

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS RISES IN MAY: During May, 1985, there were 24,039 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a good net monthly increase of 4,556 (+23.4 percent). The majority of those job openings was filled (14,328 or 59.6 percent). The occupational group with the largest number of job openings received in May, 1985, was farming, fishing, and forestry, which had 4,273. Over three-quarters of those were filled (75.7 percent or 3,236). The service category was second with 3,856 job openings and 2,268 or 58.8 percent filled. The structural works sector followed with 3,628 job openings received during the month and 2,192 or 60.4 percent filled. The smallest number of job openings occurred in processing with only 639, with a little more than half being filled (56.7 percent or 362). There were 235,669 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1984, through May 31, 1985. Moreover, more than three-fourths were filled (75.9 percent or 178,778). There were 18,772 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of May 31, 1985. Many of those job openings (10,900 or 58.1 percent) were classified as hard-to-fill because they had been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on North Carolina's job openings for May, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1984, through May 31, 1985).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	May, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of May 31, 1985	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	1,084	409	9,957	4,249	1,674	1,036
Clerical	2,789	1,369	26,020	16,295	2,455	1,141
Sales	755	312	8,331	4,443	1,086	681
Service	3,856	2,268	36,495	26,031	3,447	2,001
Domestic	342	260	2,872	2,346	123	63
Other Services	3,514	2,008	33,623	23,685	3,324	1,938
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	4,273	3,236	48,022	45,904	276	175
Processing	639	362	8,539	7,504	571	419
Machine Trades	1,789	1,051	15,925	11,391	1,524	850
Bench Work	1,815	1,084	19,594	16,231	1,654	964
Structural Work	3,628	2,192	32,894	22,922	3,886	2,685
Miscellaneous	3,411	2,045	29,892	23,808	2,199	948
Motor Freight & Transp.	599	342	5,724	3,636	462	226
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,711	1,635	23,338	19,641	1,649	670
Other	101	68	830	531	88	52
Total	24,039	14,328	235,669	178,778	18,772	10,900

1/ July 1, 1984, through May 31, 1985.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1985 (Thous)	April 1985 (Thous)	May 1984 (Thous)	April 1985	May 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,618.4	2,615.4	2,560.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
MANUFACTURING	810.3	814.0	833.8	- 0.5	- 2.8
DURABLE GOODS	330.1	331.8	331.2	- 0.5	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	36.5	36.5	37.7	0	- 3.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.3	13.3	13.5	0	- 1.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	9.0	8.9	9.4	+ 1.1	- 4.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.5	4.8	0	- 6.2
Furniture & Fixtures	83.2	84.2	84.7	- 1.2	- 1.8
Household Furniture	73.0	74.0	74.9	- 1.4	- 2.5
Wood Household Furniture	36.7	36.9	38.3	- 0.5	- 4.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.1	31.7	30.5	- 1.9	+ 2.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.8	18.7	18.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.2	10.8	- 0.9	+ 2.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.8	26.8	26.2	0	+ 2.3
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.5	8.5	8.4	0	+ 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.9	55.2	54.9	- 0.5	0
Special Industry Machinery	7.3	7.3	7.6	0	- 3.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.6	63.0	61.7	- 0.6	+ 1.5
Household Appliances	5.2	5.1	5.5	+ 2.0	- 5.5
Transportation Equipment	21.4	21.3	20.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.8	14.9	15.9	- 0.7	- 6.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	480.2	482.2	502.6	- 0.4	- 4.5
Food & Kindred Products	44.4	44.2	43.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Meat Products	18.7	18.5	17.6	+ 1.1	+ 6.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	8.0	0	- 1.2
Beverages	6.3	6.2	6.4	+ 1.6	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	22.6	22.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Cigarettes	19.9	19.9	19.7	0	+ 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.4	2.3	2.0	+ 4.3	+20.0
Textile Mill Products	206.4	208.1	224.5	- 0.8	- 8.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	54.3	55.3	61.6	- 1.8	-11.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.0	27.9	31.6	- 3.2	-14.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.6	26.7	29.2	- 0.4	- 8.9
Knitting Mills	75.0	75.1	79.6	- 0.1	- 5.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.0	22.1	23.2	- 0.5	- 5.2
Hosiery, NEC	21.8	21.8	23.0	0	- 5.2
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.5	13.4	14.8	+ 0.7	- 8.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.9	7.2	- 1.4	- 5.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.1	14.1	15.0	0	- 6.0
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.3	50.8	54.8	- 1.0	- 8.2

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May, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1985 (Thous)	April 1985 (Thous)	May 1984 (Thous)	April 1985	May 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.5	89.0	93.3	- 0.6	- 5.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.1	29.3	31.1	- 0.7	- 6.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.4	39.2	42.1	+ 0.5	- 6.4
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	22.0	22.2	- 0.5	- 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.6	10.9	- 0.9	- 3.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.1	7.4	+ 1.4	- 2.7
Printing & Publishing	25.1	25.0	24.1	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Newspapers	9.3	9.2	9.0	+ 1.1	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.0	37.0	38.6	0	- 4.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.6	12.8	13.7	- 1.6	- 8.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.9	29.9	29.4	0	+ 1.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.3	4.4	4.9	- 2.3	-12.2
NONMANUFACTURING	1,808.1	1,801.4	1,726.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.7
MINING	4.7	4.6	4.6	+ 2.2	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	145.8	143.5	131.3	+ 1.6	+11.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	130.0	129.7	126.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	70.8	70.6	67.1	+ 0.3	+ 5.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.3	54.1	54.3	+ 0.4	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	567.8	564.0	543.5	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade	131.9	131.6	128.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.4	79.2	76.2	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.5	52.4	52.5	+ 0.2	0
Retail Trade	435.9	432.4	414.8	+ 0.8	+ 5.1
General Merchandise Stores	56.0	55.2	54.3	+ 1.4	+ 3.1
Food Stores	67.0	66.7	66.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	108.2	107.9	104.3	+ 0.3	+ 3.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	420.6	417.8	395.3	+ 0.7	+ 6.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.9	23.3	23.3	+ 6.9	+ 6.9
Personal Services	26.5	26.7	25.2	- 0.7	+ 5.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.9	10.8	10.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	431.0	433.9	420.9	- 0.7	+ 2.4
Federal	51.1	50.6	50.1	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
State	125.5	130.1	120.2	- 3.5	+ 4.4
Education	63.7	68.3	59.8	- 6.7	+ 6.5
Other	61.8	61.8	60.4	0	+ 2.3
Local	254.4	253.2	250.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Education	140.3	140.0	135.8	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
Other	114.1	113.2	114.8	+ 0.8	- 0.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1985 (thous)	April 1985 (thous)	May 1984 (thous)	April 1985	May 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,615.9	2,616.3	2,557.9	-0.02	+ 2.3
MANUFACTURING	814.4	817.9	837.7	-0.4	- 2.8
DURABLE GOODS	331.2	332.8	332.3	-0.5	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	36.4	36.8	37.6	-1.1	- 3.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.2	13.3	13.4	-0.8	- 1.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	9.0	9.0	9.4	0	- 4.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.5	4.8	0	- 6.2
Furniture & Fixtures	83.4	83.9	84.9	-0.6	- 1.8
Household Furniture	73.1	73.6	75.1	-0.7	- 2.7
Wood Household Furniture	36.5	36.5	38.1	0	- 4.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.2	31.8	30.6	-1.9	+ 2.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.8	18.9	18.7	-0.5	+ 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.8	2.4	-7.1	+ 8.3
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.3	5.4	5.3	-1.9	0
Primary Metal Industries	11.0	11.2	10.7	-1.8	+ 2.8
Fabricated Metal Products	27.2	27.3	26.6	-0.4	+ 2.3
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.6	8.7	8.5	-1.1	+ 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.5	55.4	55.5	+0.2	0
Special Industry Machinery	7.3	7.3	7.6	0	- 3.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.9	63.4	62.0	-0.8	+ 1.5
Household Appliances	5.5	5.6	5.8	-1.8	- 5.2
Transportation Equipment	21.1	21.1	20.3	0	+ 3.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.8	16.0	+0.7	- 6.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	483.2	485.1	505.4	-0.4	- 4.4
Food & Kindred Products	44.8	44.8	43.9	0	+ 2.1
Meat Products	18.8	18.7	17.7	+0.5	+ 6.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	-4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	8.0	0	- 1.2
Beverages	6.2	6.3	6.3	-1.6	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.0	24.6	24.3	+1.6	+ 2.9
Cigarettes	20.1	20.1	19.9	0	+ 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.2	3.9	3.5	+7.7	+20.0
Textile Mill Products	206.4	207.9	224.5	-0.7	- 8.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	54.5	55.2	61.8	-1.3	-11.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.2	27.9	31.8	-2.5	-14.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.6	26.7	29.2	-0.4	- 8.9
Knitting Mills	74.6	75.2	79.2	-0.8	- 5.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.1	22.2	23.3	-0.5	- 5.2
Hosiery, NEC	21.8	21.8	23.0	0	- 5.2
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.3	13.2	14.6	+0.8	- 8.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.9	7.1	-2.9	- 5.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.1	14.2	15.0	-0.7	- 6.0
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.1	50.8	54.6	-1.4	- 8.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1985
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1985 (thous)	April 1985 (thous)	May 1984 (thous)	April 1985	May 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.7	89.7	93.5	-1.1	- 5.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.4	29.7	31.4	-1.0	- 6.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.4	39.3	42.1	+0.3	- 6.4
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.1	22.4	0	- 1.3
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.7	11.0	-0.9	- 3.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.1	7.5	+2.8	- 2.7
Printing & Publishing	25.2	24.8	24.1	+1.6	+ 4.6
Newspapers	9.3	9.2	9.0	+1.1	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.8	36.7	38.4	+0.3	- 4.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.5	12.7	13.6	-1.6	- 8.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.9	30.1	29.4	-0.7	+ 1.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.3	4.4	4.9	-2.3	-12.2
NONMANUFACTURING	1,801.5	1,798.4	1,720.2	+0.2	+ 4.7
MINING	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	144.5	146.0	130.1	-1.0	+11.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	129.7	130.2	126.4	-0.4	+ 2.6
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	70.7	71.0	67.0	-0.4	+ 5.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.3	54.3	54.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	570.9	571.2	546.5	-0.1	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade	134.1	133.5	130.9	+0.4	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.6	79.3	76.4	+0.4	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.5	54.2	54.5	+0.6	0
Retail Trade	436.8	437.7	415.6	-0.2	+ 5.1
General Merchandise Stores	57.3	57.2	55.6	+0.2	+ 3.1
Food Stores	67.2	67.7	66.4	-0.7	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	108.3	108.6	104.4	-0.3	+ 3.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	420.6	417.4	395.3	+0.8	+ 6.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.2	23.8	22.7	+1.7	+ 6.6
Personal Services	26.9	25.8	25.6	+4.3	+ 5.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.9	10.9	10.7	0	+ 1.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	422.9	420.4	413.0	+0.6	+ 2.4
Federal	50.8	50.6	49.8	+0.4	+ 2.0
State	126.7	125.6	121.3	+0.9	+ 4.5
Education	65.2	63.8	61.2	+2.2	+ 6.5
Other	61.5	61.8	60.1	-0.5	+ 2.3
Local	245.4	244.2	241.9	+0.5	+ 1.4
Education	131.2	130.2	127.0	+0.8	+ 3.3
Other	114.2	114.0	114.9	+0.2	- 0.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	April 1985	May 1984
MANUFACTURING	642.8	647.3	668.2	- 0.7	- 3.8
DURABLE GOODS	249.7	251.9	253.5	- 0.9	- 1.5
Lumber & Wood Products	31.5	31.5	32.8	0	- 4.0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.9	7.9	8.2	0	- 3.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.5	3.6	4.0	- 2.8	-12.5
Furniture & Fixtures	74.0	75.1	75.5	- 1.5	- 2.0
Household Furniture	65.5	66.6	67.3	- 1.7	- 2.7
Wood Household Furniture	33.6	33.9	35.3	- 0.9	- 4.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.6	15.5	15.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+10.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.3	8.4	8.1	- 1.2	+ 2.5
Fabricated Metal Products	19.9	20.0	19.5	- 0.5	+ 2.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.3	26.9	28.3	- 2.2	- 7.1
Special Industry Machinery	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 3.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	45.7	46.1	45.0	- 0.9	+ 1.6
Household Appliances	4.6	4.4	4.8	+ 4.5	- 4.2
Transportation Equipment	17.3	17.2	16.7	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	393.1	395.4	414.7	- 0.6	- 5.2
Food & Kindred Products	30.5	30.4	29.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Meat Products	16.5	16.3	15.5	+ 1.2	+ 6.5
Meat Packing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 5.6
Dairy Products	1.4	1.3	1.4	+ 7.7	0
Grain Mill Products	1.5	1.6	1.6	- 6.2	- 6.2
Bakery Products	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 4.3
Beverages	2.5	2.4	2.5	+ 4.2	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.5	17.5	17.1	0	+ 2.3
Cigarettes	15.8	15.7	15.6	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.4	1.4	1.1	0	+27.3
Textile Mill Products	182.8	184.5	200.1	- 0.9	- 8.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	48.0	49.0	54.9	- 2.0	-12.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.8	24.7	28.2	- 3.6	-15.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	23.7	23.7	26.2	0	- 9.5
Knitting Mills	66.3	66.3	70.8	0	- 6.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	19.8	19.9	21.2	- 0.5	- 6.6
Hosiery, NEC	20.0	20.0	21.1	0	- 5.2
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.4	11.3	12.6	+ 0.9	- 9.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	6.0	6.3	- 3.3	- 7.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.8	11.8	12.6	0	- 6.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.0	46.4	50.4	- 0.9	- 8.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.9	78.4	82.7	- 0.6	- 5.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.1	26.4	28.3	- 1.1	- 7.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.2	33.9	36.6	+ 0.9	- 6.6
Paper & Allied Products	16.5	16.5	16.7	0	- 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.8	7.8	8.1	0	- 3.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.4	5.3	5.6	+ 1.9	- 3.6
Printing & Publishing	15.7	15.7	15.0	0	+ 4.7
Newspapers	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 2.9	+ 2.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.2	24.3	25.2	- 0.4	- 4.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	8.8	8.9	9.5	- 1.1	- 7.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.4	24.5	24.1	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	4.1	0	-12.2

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
May, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984
MANUFACTURING	$281.64	$278.69	$278.00	38.9	38.6	40.0	$ 7.24	$ 7.22	$ 6.95
DURABLE GOODS	295.32	292.99	290.70	39.8	39.7	40.6	7.42	7.38	7.16
Lumber & Wood Products	256.46	245.92	242.49	41.1	39.6	41.1	6.24	6.21	5.90
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	253.57	242.59	242.34	41.5	39.9	42.0	6.11	6.08	5.77
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	285.32	260.30	269.58	40.3	37.4	40.6	7.08	6.96	6.64
Furniture & Fixtures	244.19	249.74	237.08	37.8	38.6	38.3	6.46	6.47	6.19
Household Furniture	240.38	248.20	234.70	37.5	38.6	38.1	6.41	6.43	6.16
Wood Household Furniture	240.95	242.81	231.48	38.8	39.1	39.3	6.21	6.21	5.89
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	326.28	316.77	312.80	42.1	41.3	42.1	7.75	7.67	7.43
Structural Clay Products	276.70	257.92	260.40	43.1	41.6	42.9	6.42	6.20	6.07
Primary Metal Industries	367.64	354.88	349.96	43.1	42.5	43.8	8.53	8.35	7.97
Fabricated Metal Products	315.46	312.35	323.08	40.6	40.2	41.0	7.77	7.77	7.88
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	343.21	332.11	342.55	41.5	40.6	42.5	8.27	8.18	8.06
Special Industry Machinery	309.23	308.43	304.63	39.9	39.9	41.0	7.75	7.73	7.43
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	323.85	325.78	339.08	38.6	38.6	41.1	8.39	8.44	8.25
Household Appliances	234.27	254.93	262.35	34.1	37.0	40.3	6.87	6.89	6.51
Transportation Equipment	362.45	341.82	329.52	43.2	42.2	42.3	8.39	8.10	7.79
NONDURABLE GOODS	272.31	269.47	271.15	38.3	37.9	39.7	7.11	7.11	6.83
Food & Kindred Products	261.05	256.96	246.40	40.1	39.9	38.5	6.51	6.44	6.40
Meat Products	208.24	205.90	196.37	38.0	38.2	36.5	5.48	5.39	5.38
Meat Packing	196.80	291.60	312.38	42.4	40.0	40.1	7.00	7.29	7.79
Dairy Products	313.88	310.48	269.88	47.2	46.9	43.6	6.65	6.62	6.19
Grain Mill Products	306.60	300.03	290.07	43.8	43.8	42.1	7.00	6.85	6.89
Bakery Products	299.59	294.88	270.12	41.9	41.3	39.9	7.15	7.14	6.77
Beverages	492.80	500.87	489.91	46.8	45.7	44.7	10.53	10.96	10.96
Tobacco Manufacturers	473.98	424.27	490.78	34.8	31.9	39.2	13.62	13.30	12.52
Cigarettes	500.66	447.14	519.69	34.6	31.4	39.4	14.47	14.24	13.19
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	213.66	190.40	217.07	35.2	35.0	36.3	6.07	5.44	5.98
Textile Mill Products	243.32	242.30	250.00	37.9	37.8	40.0	6.42	6.41	6.25
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	258.48	274.94	271.07	35.9	38.4	39.4	7.20	7.16	6.88
Weaving Mills, Cotton	249.44	295.32	260.75	33.8	40.4	37.9	7.38	7.31	6.88
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	267.20	254.44	282.77	37.9	36.4	41.1	7.05	6.99	6.88
Knitting Mills	223.05	214.20	222.53	37.3	36.0	38.5	5.98	5.95	5.78
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	205.35	199.72	202.94	35.9	35.1	37.1	5.72	5.69	5.47
Hosiery, NEC	206.86	196.81	207.55	35.3	33.7	36.8	5.86	5.84	5.64
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	257.57	246.65	253.08	39.8	38.3	40.3	6.47	6.44	6.28
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	282.75	279.94	279.26	43.5	43.2	42.7	6.50	6.48	6.54
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	274.32	278.36	286.24	40.4	41.3	43.7	6.79	6.74	6.55
Yarn & Thread Mills	244.61	234.01	248.66	40.1	38.3	41.1	6.10	6.11	6.05
Apparel & Other Textile Products	187.54	183.34	187.62	36.7	35.6	37.6	5.11	5.15	4.99
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	186.02	180.23	190.84	35.5	34.2	37.2	5.24	5.27	5.13
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	176.89	167.74	176.60	36.7	34.8	37.1	4.82	4.82	4.76
Paper & Allied Products	470.05	498.38	448.06	42.5	44.3	43.0	11.06	11.25	10.42
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	585.85	646.06	567.81	43.3	47.4	45.1	13.53	13.63	12.59
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	340.13	340.17	314.84	42.2	42.1	41.7	8.06	8.08	7.55
Printing & Publishing	311.04	329.26	302.18	38.4	40.4	39.5	8.10	8.15	7.65
Newspapers	180.23	286.62	281.07	34.3	34.7	34.7	8.17	8.26	8.10
Chemicals & Allied Products	387.69	391.35	359.24	41.2	41.5	40.5	9.41	9.43	8.87
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	455.95	453.47	410.52	43.3	42.7	41.3	10.53	10.62	9.94
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	362.37	341.10	365.08	40.9	37.9	42.8	8.86	9.00	8.53
MINING	401.58	367.06	338.52	49.7	46.7	43.4	8.08	7.86	7.80
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	454.21	462.97	452.38	40.7	41.3	41.2	11.16	11.21	10.98
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	194.89	194.24	195.03	32.7	32.7	33.0	5.96	5.94	5.91
Wholesale Trade	300.49	298.58	297.14	39.8	39.6	39.2	7.55	7.54	7.58
Retail Trade	166.32	165.70	167.46	30.8	30.8	31.3	5.40	5.38	5.35
General Merchandise Stores	150.52	151.78	146.50	28.4	28.8	29.3	5.30	5.27	5.00
Food Stores	191.56	192.72	192.46	33.2	33.4	32.4	5.77	5.77	5.94
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	136.78	138.03	127.71	31.3	31.3	29.7	4.37	4.41	4.30
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	195.78	196.35	179.00	36.8	36.7	35.8	5.32	5.35	5.00

1/ Current month data are preliminary.